CONSTRUCTION: JOINING OF PIPES BY WELDING

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STANDARD WELDING PROCEDURE SPECIFICATION #_6AH65

- A. Process: Manual Electric Arc
- B. Material: API-5L Grade X65
- C. Diameter and Wall Thickness: OVER 12 IN. and >.188-THRU .750 WT
- D. Joint Design: Standard Vee Groove 30 degrees
- E. Filler Metal and Number of Beads: Electrode Classification Electrode E6010 and E8010 AWS Class A 5.1-A 5.5 Minimum of 4 Passes
- F. Electrical or Flame Characteristics: D.C. Reverse Polarity, Electrode Positive
- G. Position: Fixed Horizontal
- H. Direction of Welding: Vertical Down
- I. Number of Welders: 1

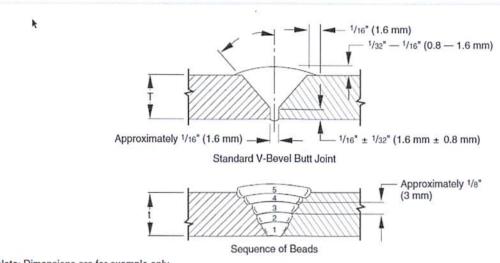
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- J. Time Lapse Between Passes: Maximum of 5 minutes between stringer and hot pass; 3 minutes maximum when temperature is below 35° F.
- K. Type of Line-Up Clamp: External
- L. Removal of Line-Up Clamp: After 50% completion of stringer bead
- M. Cleaning: Taper grind starts and craters and flatten crown by grinding stringer bead, power buff all remaining passes.
- N. Speed of Travel: Stringer bead 9--12 inches per minute maximum.
- O. *Preheat, Stress Relief: Maximum of 300°F. Minimum of 150°F. Preheating shall be done with device or equipment which will heat entire circumference(s) in single application 2" back from pipe ends.
- P. Notes: Welded pipe strings shall be temporarily capped to prevent air draft cooling of stringer beads. Weld shall be completely protected from moisture until it has cooled to ambient temperature. Weld zone shall be protected so that the wind velocity near it does not exceed 8 miles per hour.

*X-Rated pipe must be stress relief if the carbon content exceeds .032% or C+1/4 Mn exceeds .065%. Heating of X-Rated pipe is limited to 600°F.

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Note: Dimensions are for example only.

Bead No.	Electrode Diameter	Amperage Range	Voltage Range	Type Rod	Notes
1	5/32	130-170	25-32	5P+	
2	3/16	130-190	26-36	70+	See Below
3	3/16	135-195	25-35	70+	
4	3/16	135-195	25-35	70+	
5	3/16	125-180	25-35	70+	

Bead No.	Notes		
1-5	Electrodes may be substituted within Rod group AWS A5.1—A5.5		
2	Hot Pass may be made using 5/32 within same Amperage Range		
4	Additional passes may be made at same settings		